

1 DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, if the word
2 "except" stays in the amendment, then as I read
3 the amendment, if it is approved and added to this
4 sentence, it would provide that no person shall hold more
5 than one office of profit, except as may be provided by law,
6 which would give the General Assembly the power to allow in
7 certain cases people to hold two offices of profit.

8 I don't think that is the sponsor's intention, and
9 therefore, if he removed and eliminated the word "except" it
10 will carry out what I think is his intention.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: How would you understand the
12 sentence to be construed if you took out the word "except"?

13 DELEGATE GLEASON: If we took out the word "ex-
14 cept", then I would say that the General Assembly has
15 within its power the ability and the authority to define what
16 is an office of profit, and that is what has been the
17 troublesome thing over the years.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: I take it the difference is the
19 amendment as proffered would mean that two offices could not
20 be held unless the General Assembly provided otherwise,
21 and as you suggest it be changed, it would provide that
two offices could not be held if the General Assembly